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Governor Ryan Signs Landmark Legislation

Seniors receive additional help to pay for prescription drugs



Governor George H. Ryan (above) signed legislation May 8, 2000 that will qualify more seniors for the **Circuit Breaker/Pharmaceutical Assistance** program. The law is effective January, 2001 and raises the income eligibility threshold for the program, which helps seniors pay for needed medication, and is expected to help nearly 500,000 seniors. It will now also include prescriptions used in the treatment of cancer, Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease, glaucoma and lung disease. Additionally, the limit on benefits a person can receive in a year has been increased to \$2,000, after which they would pay 20 percent of the cost of prescriptions. The legislation has been lauded as a major accomplishment during this year's Spring session and one that will have a significant and positive impact on the state's low-income seniors.



Because of the intensive commitment displayed by AARP in steering the Circuit Breaker/Pharmaceutical Assistance expansion toward law, Illinois Department on Aging Director **Margo E. Schreiber** (right) presented **Donna Ginther** (left) with a 2000 Governor's Award for Unique Achievement. Ginther, AARP Government Relations Liaison as well as **AARP Legislative Volunteers** (below) were honored during a ceremony May 17 at the Executive Mansion.



Dear Friends and Colleagues,

I pledged to you that as Director of the Illinois Department on Aging, I would bring the agency to the forefront, to a new level of visibility. That means making seniors and their caregivers more aware of how the Aging Network is here to help them. It also means keeping our elected officials informed.

To that end, I recently traveled to Washington, D.C., where I met personally with our senators and representatives: Speaker of the House Dennis Hastert; Senators Richard Durbin and Peter Fitzgerald; Congressmen Philip Crane, Henry Hyde, Ray LaHood, John Porter, John Shimkus, and Jerry Weller; and Congresswomen Judy Biggert and Janice Schakowsky. I also met with House and Senate committees on Aging, and with Jeanette Takamura of the U.S. Administration on Aging, and representatives of AARP.

I can't tell you what an honor it is to walk the awesome, glorious halls of our nation's capitol and meet with our national leaders. It was vital that I personally relay to them the issues on the minds of seniors back home. And, of course, they all now have plaques hanging in their offices to remind them, "In Illinois, Aging Should be Everybody's Business!"

I told leaders of both parties it is imperative to act on the National Family Caregiver Program, which supports families who provide long term care to elderly relatives who have chronic illnesses or



disabilities. Passage of the program means families would get the information, counseling, and training they need on how to care for individuals with specific problems. Respite for caregivers is also a component of the program, funding for which would be allocated to states on a population-based formula.

Of course, I also urged the delegation to reauthorize the Older

Americans Act. Although I met with many esteemed leaders and covered many subjects in a few short days, upon leaving Washington I knew a true imprint was made on how they can best serve their elderly constituents.

I am very proud of the journey to Washington. It was enjoyable and productive. Our public servants on every level are entrusted with acting in the best interests of all Illinoisans, but it is up to you and me to let them know the special needs of our elderly citizens.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Margo E. Schreiber".

Margo E. Schreiber, Director



Director Margo E. Schreiber recently visited Illinois' congressional delegation in Washington, D.C. to discuss issues of importance to the state's two million seniors and their caregivers. Here, Schreiber presents **Congressman John E. Porter** (R-10th) with a plaque reading, "In Illinois, Aging Should Be Everybody's Business." Porter is serving his eleventh term in the U.S. House of Representatives. Schreiber commended Porter on his distinguished and conscientious work on behalf of Illinois' elderly.

Grant recognizes research relating to senior centers

The National Institute of Senior Centers (NISC) annually awards a \$1,000 cash grant in recognition of excellent research on issues and concerns relating to senior centers. The award is presented each year at NCOA's annual conference to be held next March.

Deadline for submission is Aug. 21, 2000. Nominations may include dissertations and other research documents as well as journal articles and books.

Research published after 1997 is considered. The research must contribute to the knowledge and understanding of the senior center field and stimulate questions for further research in the field. In the past, areas investigated have included volunteer services, best senior center practices, intergenerational programs and more. Other areas include: the role of senior centers in community-based long-term care; the role and function of the senior center of the future; replicable outcome measures of senior center programs; health promotion, wellness and prevention models; and the design of consumer-based senior center programs.

For further information and/or to receive a nomination form, call Constance Todd at 202/479-6683 or constance.todd@ncoa.org ☸

Board and Care Homes should register with IDOA

The Board and Care Home Registration Act (Public Act 89-387, effective 8/20/95) outlines that "every board and care home located in Illinois shall register with the Illinois Department on Aging." "Board and care home" as defined in the Board and Care Home Registration administrative rules, is a publicly or privately operated residence which is providing room, housekeeping and meals to fewer than 12 persons who are unrelated to the owners and the managers of the residence.

The Illinois Department on Aging continues to accept registration applications from board and care homes operating in the State of Illinois. To obtain a registration packet, please contact the Illinois Department on Aging's Senior HelpLine at 1-800-252-8966 (Voice & TTY). ☸

Insurance settlement affects Holocaust survivors

Illinois residents may benefit from an international effort to resolve outstanding claims on insurance policies held by victims of the Holocaust. The program is for any Holocaust survivor who owned, was covered by or was the beneficiary of a policy for life insurance, education or dowry issued between 1920 and 1945.

The Illinois Department of Insurance is working with the International Commission on Holocaust Era Insurance Claims (ICHEIC) and the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC) to assist victims. Nat Shapo, Director of the Illinois Department of Insurance is vice-chair of the NAIC International Holocaust

Commission Task Force.

Shapo has asked the Illinois Department on Aging to help get the word out to the Aging Network to inform older persons who may be affected.

"Approximately 1,310 Illinoisans have registered as Holocaust survivors with the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum," Shapo said. "It is my sincere hope that they, as well as any other Illinois citizens who have Holocaust-related insurance claims, will participate in this claims process and reclaim what is rightfully theirs. Illinois residents who previously filed claims with the Holocaust Claims Processing Office (HCPO) in New York do not have to file again; if

they gave their consent, HCPO will transfer their files to ICHEIC," he said.

The ICHEIC has set up a process to handle claims, which must be filed by February 1, 2002 and will be resolved within two years of filing. Individuals who believe they may have an unpaid insurance claim can request a claim packet one of four ways: 1) Write the International Commission, P.O. Box 1163, Wall Street Station, New York, NY 10268; 2) visit the ICHEIC website at www.ICHEIC.org; 3) call in the United States toll free at 1/800-957-3203, or 4) visit the Illinois Department of Insurance website at www.state.il.us/ins. ☸

Governor creates Elder Abuse Task Force

Governor George H. Ryan announced in May the names of 30 individuals who will serve on a new Elder Abuse Task Force that will focus on helping thousands of Illinois seniors who are financially abused.

The Governor named Lt. Governor Corinne Wood (pictured below) as Honorary Chair of the Task Force and Illinois Department on Aging Director Margo E. Schreiber as Chair.

The Task Force, which met for the first time in May, is fostering educational efforts and will recommend policies and/or legislation relating to the prevention of financial exploitation, consumer fraud and telemarketing. Emphasis will also be placed on maximizing resources to address current gaps in services.

The Task Force is represented by a cross-section of professionals and advocates. ✻



Rick Barkes, Director of the Public Affairs Division of the Bloomington Police Department, is serving on the Elder Abuse Task Force that Governor George H. Ryan created. **Lt. Governor Corinne Wood** (middle) and Illinois Department on Aging Director **Margo E. Schreiber** (far right), Honorary Chair and Chair, are also pictured next to a chart showing the dramatic increase in the number of elder abuse reports received by the Department.

Elder Abuse Task Force Members:

Corinne Wood, Lt. Governor
Margo E. Schreiber, Director,
Illinois Department on Aging
Charlotte Berry, Advocate,
Springfield
Sister Mildred Gross,
Advocate, Herrin
Stuart Gaines, Public Policy
Chair, Alzheimer's
Association
John Wyant, Board of Direc-
tors, Central Illinois Chapter,
Alzheimer's Association
Donna Ginther, Government
Relations Specialist, AARP

Jim Ryan, Attorney General
Rick Barkes, Director of Public
Affairs, Bloomington Police
Department
Joanne Thomas, Executive
Director, Central Illinois
Agency on Aging
Rosemary Gemperle,
Executive Director, Coalition
of Limited English Speaking
Elderly
Robert Wingert, Executive
Director, Community
Bankers Association

Ron Weismehl, Executive
Director, Council for Jewish
Elderly
Kerry Peck, President, Chicago
Bar Association
Michael O'Donnell, President,
Illinois Association of Area
Agencies on Aging
George Koertge, Director,
Illinois Association of Chiefs
of Police

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Thumbs up to good work!

A letter was recently received by the North Shore Senior Center in Northfield from an elderly individual who wanted to thank case manager **Tara Hughes**, who helped advise him about his "Choices for Care" for his disabled sister.

His two-page, handwritten letter states, in part, . . .

"I was ready to give up and take whatever would be. However, my prayers would be answered. I felt so very disheartened and depressed that Monday morning — experiencing the previous week of futile calls and unresponsive help. Yet on that Monday morning as I felt so low, the doorbell rang. A young lady was there and I will always remember her saying, 'How can I help you?' Her name is Tara Hughes — such a considerate, compassionate and knowledgeable person. She possesses the innate trait for evaluating a situation and compulsively providing directives for assuaging and remedying a situation...I acknowledge the North Shore Senior Center as being a benevolent institution and thank and compliment the many members who are associated with it..."

Congratulations to Tara on this heartfelt acknowledgement. ❖



Health

Corner

The Illinois Senior Health Insurance Program's (SHIP) **"Medicare in the New Millennium" volunteer counselor conference** was held July 25-26, 2000 in Lisle.

Session topics included prescription drug programs, Medicare supplement rights, and updates on QMB/SLMB. Another conference is planned for October 24-25 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Springfield. For more information and registration forms for the next conference, call 217/782-0004.

The 2nd Annual Women's Health Conference

sponsored by the Illinois Department of Public Health, Office of Women's Health, will be held November 1-2, 2000 at the Rosemont Convention Center, Rosemont. The theme for this year will be, "Shaping the Future of Women's Health." For more information or to register, call 217/524-6088, TTY (hearing impaired use only) 800/547-0466.



GET IN SHAPE:

Applications available for Illinois Senior Olympics

All men and women 50 years of age and older may participate in the Illinois Senior Olympics to be held September 7-10 and 13-17, 2000 in Springfield. Over 50 events including swimming, track and field, bowling, golf and team competition are offered.

Applications for all events are now being accepted. Individual entries will be closed August 18, and team sports will close August 11. Participant or spectator information may be obtained by calling the Olympic Headquarters at 217/789-2284.

Southland Senior Games

The 5th Annual Southland Senior Games, which brings together over 500 senior athletes from throughout Illinois and surrounding states, will be held August 7-19, 2000.

During the games, seniors age 50 and older compete in Olympic-style events such as basketball, softball, volleyball, swimming, billiards and more. They are held at various sites in Oak Lawn, Lansing, Alsip, Palos Hills, Dolton, South Holland, Homewood-Flossmoor, Tinley Park, Bolingbrook, Country Club Hills and other suburban cities.

Those interested in more information including how to help sponsor the event, or volunteer opportunities should call the Oak Lawn Park District at 708/857-7614. ❖

Seniors help build better “Home Towns”

The Governor’s Home Town Awards, an annual competition highlighting volunteer projects throughout Illinois, are given in eight categories based on community population. The awards were announced June 21, 2000 at a special recognition ceremony in Springfield, attended by Governor George H. Ryan and members of his cabinet, including Illinois Department on Aging Director Margo E. Schreiber. The awards are administered by the Illinois Department of Commerce and Community Affairs. The **2000 Governor’s Cup** was awarded to **Newton** for the volunteer efforts that contributed to establishment of the Newton Library and Museum complex. Congratulations to the winners in the Senior Citizen Involvement category:

Population	Placed	City	Event / Organization
0 - 2,499	FIRST	Richmond	Senior Bus Service and Recreation Program <i>Volunteers saw a need for seniors to have transportation to shopping and recreational opportunities, and found a way to make use of school buses while they are not transporting students.</i>
4,200 - 8,799	FIRST	Berkeley	75th Anniversary Celebration <i>An all-volunteer Anniversary Committee planned events that included a Memorial Day parade, ice cream social, block party and craft show.</i>
	SECOND	Mascoutah	Berger-Kiel House <i>The Mascoutah Historical Society purchased and moved the log home when its proximity to a new airport would have led to its demolition.</i>
	THIRD	Clarendon Hills	75th Anniversary Celebration <i>Members of the community celebrated with yearlong activities including a Clarendon Hills Cookbook and a quilt sewn by local craftspeople.</i>
8,800 - 17,999	FIRST	Palos Hills	1999 Year of the Healthy Heart <i>The city’s Senior Advisory Board sponsored activities such as line dancing lessons and heart healthy potluck lunches that were very popular.</i>
18,000 - 28,999	FIRST	Bloomington	Street Smart Seniors <i>The program provides a forum for seniors to interact with the police department and other village departments. As a result, seniors take a more active role in the community and share information for community-policing efforts.</i>
	SECOND	Mundelein	A-May-Zing Mundelein – A Day of Caring <i>This event brings together residents of the community to work side-by-side with seniors. More than 450 volunteers came forward to assist seniors in chores such as painting, yard work and errand running.</i>
	THIRD	Mundelein	Senior Citizen’s Police Academy <i>The goals of this educational effort are to open a dialogue with the senior community and reduce crime and the fear of crime.</i>
29,000 - 49,999	FIRST	Elk Grove Village	Police and Seniors Together (P.A.S.T.) <i>The goal of this is to unite the seniors in the community in the hope that they become close friends who will turn to each other and the police for assistance when faced with abuse.</i>
	SECOND	Niles	By Popular Request: Seniors After Hours <i>The Niles Senior Center offers special events and regular activities staffed by senior volunteers in the evenings and on weekends.</i>
50,000 - 99,999	FIRST	Palos Township	Senior Advisory Board and Ambassadors <i>Input received from members of senior citizen clubs throughout the township has guided officials in addressing the needs and concerns of Palos Township senior citizens.</i>
	SECOND	Schaumburg	Senior Advisory Council <i>The Schaumburg Senior Advisory Council is composed of seniors elected by their peers and is responsible for numerous educational, social and physical activity programs.</i>
	THIRD	Wayne Township	Wayne Township Senior Center <i>One project sponsored by this concerned group is called “Seniors Helping Seniors.” A less fortunate senior is chosen to receive anything up to and above what public aid or Medicare provides.</i>

Mabel Grogan, “Ms. Illinois American Classic Woman”



Mabel Grogan of Belleville is Ms. Illinois American Classic 2000.

Mabel Grogan, a 70-year-old community volunteer from Belleville, was crowned Ms. Illinois American Classic Woman 2000 on May 19 in Oak Brook.

“Mabel Grogan, with her energy and zest for life, is a role model for Illinoisans of all ages,” said Illinois Department on Aging Director Margo E. Schreiber. “Her strength of character, along with

her wisdom, talent, positive attitude, poise and graciousness, led to her crowning. We are proud that she will represent women over age 60 in Illinois.”

In Belleville, Grogan serves as President of the St. Vincent DePaul Prayer Chain Group, is a member of the Mothers Against Drunk Driving, and serves as a member of the Memorial Auxiliary Clown Group. She is a photographer and reporter for her church newspaper, is an active tap dancer with the Retired Senior Volunteer Group (RSVP), sings in the St. Henry’s Choir, and competes in the Senior Olympics in both Illinois and Missouri. She is the mother of five children, she and has four grandchildren and four great grandchildren

As the winner, Grogan will make appearances around the state, promoting wellness and fitness, and encouraging other adults to become involved in worthwhile activities. She will also represent Illinois in the National American Classic Woman

Pageant, to be held September 5-10, 2000 in Wilmington, Delaware.

Joining Grogan were First Runner-Up, **Ellen Dick-Ferrera**, 60, of Oak Park, and Second Runner-Up, **Joyce Fredericks**, 60, of Wood Dale. Other contestants, who were also honored with various awards, included **Bonnie Cox**, 61, of Peoria Heights; **Angela Lauderback**, 65, of Arlington Heights; **Carol Shaffer**, 60, of Columbia; and **Lue Williams**, 72, of Maywood. ✽



First Runner Up is **Ellen A. Dick-Ferrera** (left) from Oak Park. She is involved with the University Club of Chicago, the National Society of Fund Raising Executives and the Association of Consultants to Non-Profits.

Second Runner Up is **Joyce Fredericks** from Wood Dale. In addition to a real talent for dancing, she is affiliated with the Council of Catholic Women, the National Association of Realtors and has been a professional Realtor for 22 years.



Joyce Flynn-Childress joins Council on Aging

Joyce Flynn-Childress of Aurora was appointed May 1, 2000 by Governor George H. Ryan to the Illinois Council on Aging.



Flynn-Childress, a registered nurse, holds a master's in Counseling Psychology from Northwestern University. She is currently a staff educator at Northwestern Memorial Hospital, Stone Institute of Psychiatry, Chicago. She works in the Specialty Care Unit with older adults and adolescent inpatients and helps educate staff, patients and families.

She is a mother of five sons and a daughter and a grandmother of ten. ✿

Legislative Update

The following bills have been signed into law:

HOUSE BILL 4047: Provides rules for commencement of civil actions for ex parte orders authorizing services to be provided to elders according to a service care plan. Provides rules for civil actions for access by provider agencies to victims of elder abuse, neglect or exploitation.

HOUSE BILL 4176: Creates the Uniform Prescription Drug Information Card Act. Requires health benefit plans and that administrators issue, to covered individuals, a card or device that contains prescription drug information for the individuals.

SENATE BILL 1567: Defines "incapacitated principal" and revises the statutory short form power of attorney for property to require an additional witness.

SENATE BILL 1642: Promotes awareness about arthritis through the Department of Public Health, especially focusing on early diagnosis.

SENATE BILL 355: Provides that the Department of Financial Institutions has the power under the Sales Finance Agency Act and the Consumer Installment Loan Act to promulgate rules necessary for the protection of consumers, such as protection against "predatory lending" practices.

MEANWHILE, in Washington, D.C., members of Congress this summer are examining various plans to expand prescription drug benefits for Medicare beneficiaries. Most recently, the House passed the **Medicare Rx 2000 Act**, which is now pending in the Senate. That plan adds a voluntary benefit under Medicare's Part B benefits. President Clinton, however, has his own plan in mind that would affect the prescription drug benefits. Stay tuned....

For further information on bills, see the legislative updates on the IDOA Website at www.state.il.us/aging/legis. ✿

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Barb Kolaski, Executive Director, Illinois Council of Case Coordination Units

Candice Kane, Director, Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority

Linda Renee Baker, Secretary, Illinois Department of Human Services

Lee Andersen, Director, Illinois Elder Rights Coalition

Gary Miller, Director, Illinois Guardianship and Advocacy Commission

Thomas J. Jurkanin, Executive Director, Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board

Greg Sullivan, Director, Illinois Sheriff's Association

Robert E. Craighead, Executive Director, Illinois State Bar Association

Sam Nolan, Director, Illinois State Police Financial Crimes Task Force

William Miller, Chief, Illinois State TRIAD

Elaine Wright, President, National Caucus and Center of Black Aged

Norbert Goetten, Director, State's Attorney Appellate Prosecutor ✿

Information EXCHANGE

Senior Center Awards

The Association of Illinois Senior Centers (AISC) is sponsoring two awards: the **Senior Program Award** and the **Senior Center Award**. Winners will be announced at the AISC Conference October 10-11 in Peoria. Send or fax your applications for these awards to: Pat Hensley, Senior Services Center of Will County, 251 N. Center St., Joliet, IL 60435. Fax number is 815/740-4218. Deadline is September 8th.

New Director for SIAAA

The Board of Directors of South-eastern Illinois Area Agency on Aging has announced the promotion of **Yvonne Hutchings** as Executive Director effective July 1, 2000. Hutchings has been Program Manager for the agency for the last ten years and has also served as Director of Lawrence County Senior Programs. Hutchings replaces **Harold E. Morris**, who is retiring.

New info on Website

The **Egyptian Area Agency on Aging**, which provides information in the southernmost 13 Illinois counties, has recently added the following pages to its Web site: Facts on aging quiz; questions/answers regarding adult day

services; lessons learned from World War II; senior commentary; updated area plan; and topical information such as staying cool in the summer. Web address is www.EgyptianAAA.org/WhatsNew0600.htm.

The Association of Illinois Senior Centers (AISC) is sponsoring a **"ProActive Customer Service" training seminar**

from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. August 9, 2000 at Ada Niles Senior Center, 6414 S. Halsted, Chicago. It will be held again from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. September 20, 2000 at the Adams County Council for Senior Citizens, 1125 Hampshire, Quincy. The training is geared for senior center staff, but the information applies to other social service agencies as well. To register, or for more information, call Cindy Worsley toll-free at 1-877-386-8876.

Seniors All-American Fishing Festival



Seniors from throughout central Illinois gathered on a "picture perfect" day June 17 at the campus pond at the University of Illinois at Springfield for the Illinois Department on Aging's Fifth Annual Seniors All-American Fishing Festival. Pictured here are Lou Matsko (left) of Springfield, who reeled in a 28-inch channel catfish, and Beatrice Smith (below) of Mason City. This year, the festival was made possible through the generous support of Addus HealthCare, Inc. Bunn Capitol Company and Truckers Homestead provided refreshments. Lunch was provided by the National Wild Turkey Federation.



Senator James Jeffords

was given the "Louise B. Gerrard Award" June 27 by the National Association of State Units on Aging (NASUA) for his service to rural older Americans.

Sen. Jeffords (R-VT) was honored for leading the effort in the Senate to reauthorize the Older Americans Act, helping older people with high medication costs as well as heating bills, working to boost funding for the Social Services Block Grant, promoting preventive healthcare, and expanding health care in rural areas.

NASUA will make a donation in the Senator's name to the Southwest Vermont Council on Aging to establish a home-delivered meals program in his hometown of Shrewsbury. ✧

Trainings & Special Events

AUG 2-3: Chicago; 14th An. Elder Rights Conference; *Illinois Dept. on Aging, John, 217-785-4225.*

AUG 9: Chicago; Pro Active Customer Service Training; \$45-\$55, Lunch included; *Association of Illinois Senior Centers, 877-386-8876.*

AUG 11-20: Springfield; Illinois State Fair.

AUG 26- SEP 4: DuQuoin; DuQuoin State Fair.

SEP 6-7: Oakbrook Terrace; Fifth Annual Senior Lifestyle Expo; *Northeastern Illinois Area Agency on Aging, 312-670-3970.*

SEP 7: Springfield; NEOWW Celebration Luncheon; *Illinois Dept. on Aging, John, 217-782-5039;* **23-30:** National Employ the Older Worker Week.

SEP 11: Tinley Park; 4th An. Meals-On-Wheels Illinois Charity Golf Outing; *Illinois Association of Area Agencies on Aging, Illinois Department on Aging; 1-800-252-8966 (Voice & TTY).*

SEP 11-14: Tour of Illinois Senior Centers for Senior Center Staff; *Association of Illinois Senior Centers; 877-386-8876.*

SEP 15-OCT 15: Hispanic Heritage Month.

SEP 16-20: Los Angeles, CA; Meals on Wheels Assoc. of America An. Conference & Trade Show; *Carrie, 730-548-5558.*

SEP 21: Moline; Western Illinois Area Agency on Aging's (WIAAA) Annual Conference; *WIAAA and Ameritech, 800-322-1051.*

SEP 26-27: Whittington; **28-29:** East Peoria; **OCT 5-6:** Oak Brook Terrace; **10-11:** Utica; **12-13:** Utica; 17th An. Case Management Conference; *Illinois Dept. on Aging, Marjorie, 217-785-5291.*

OCT 1-7: Residents' Rights Week; **4:** Long Term Care Ombudsman Day.

OCT 10-11: Peoria; 4th An. Conference for Illinois Senior Centers; *Illinois Dept. on Aging, Matt, 217-785-3357.*

OCT 12: Collinsville; 5th An. Behavioral Health, Aging and Wellness Conference; *Madison County Mental Health Board, Southwestern Illinois AAA, St. Clair County Mental Health Board, Saint Anthony's Health Center, Saint Elizabeth's Medical Center and the Gerontology Program at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, Linda, 618-692-7040, Ext. 4358.*

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It's Intergenerational

Bubbles anyone? Lutheran Home in Arlington Heights and Shepherd's Flock Childcare had a bubble fest recently. Working together the seniors coached the young children on the "how to do it" part and children attempted to catch and retrieve bubbles for their special senior friend.

Prior to the event, staff made bubble wands and bubble solution. Then on a beautiful sunny day the air was filled with laughter as seniors felt like kids again and children learned a new skill while getting exercise catching bubbles.

Intergenerational programs growing statewide

Six teams from Illinois communities completed training on developing intergenerational programs, June 13-14, at Eagle Creek Conference Center. Selected from more than 15 applications, teams from Kankakee, Freeport, Effingham, Rock Island, Centralia, and Des Plaines worked with six trainers/coaches to fine tune plans for developing intergenerational programs.

Teams consisted of representatives of various community organizations that have a stake in developing and continuing programs. **The training is expected to be offered again in June of 2001.** If you are interested in receiving an application, please call 217-785-3355 to be placed on the mailing list. Applications will be sent in early February with a March 31 deadline. ✚

OCT 24: Chicago; **27:** Springfield; **Managing the Workplace of Tomorrow;** *Illinois Department on Aging; John Lazell, 217-785-4225.*

DEC 6-8: Chicago; **Governor's Conference on Aging and Human Services;** *Illinois Dept. on Aging, Rose, 217-785-3377.*

DEC 8-9: Chicago; **National Shared Housing Conference;** *National Shared Housing Resources Center; Mary Eleanor Wall, 630-629-5599.*

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MAR 8-11: New Orleans, Louisiana; **First National Conference of The American Society on Aging and The National Council on The Aging;** *202-479-6006.*

MAR 21-22: Champaign; **Illinois Senior Service Corps Conference** (Formerly the RSVP Conference); *Illinois Department on Aging, John, 217-785-4225.*

JUN 28-JUL 1: Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada; **5th Inter'l Conference on Long-Term Care Case Management;** *415-974-9600.*

JUL 25-26: Chicago; **The Fifteenth Annual Elder Rights Conference;** *Illinois Department on Aging, John, 217-785-4225.*

4th Annual Meals-On-Wheels Illinois Charity



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- Illinois Department on Aging

For more information, call the Senior HelpLine:

1-800-252-8966 (Voice & TTY)

Come to the Fair, and bring a can with you
Illinois 4-H youth are teaming with First Lady Lura Lynn Ryan, the Illinois Department of Agriculture, and the Illinois Department on Aging to again hold the **4-H CAN Make a Difference** food drive at the Illinois State Fair August 11-20 in Springfield. To participate, bring a box, bag, or can of nonperishable food when you visit the fair. Collection stations will be located throughout the fairgrounds. The food is distributed to food banks throughout Illinois. Last year, 4-H collected more than 55 tons of food!

Get to know programs through Illinois Arts Council

The Illinois Arts Council (IAC) offers numerous programs for the state's artists and arts and community organizations. The Aging Network may be interested in the following:

Artstour Program – Links Illinois arts presenters with Illinois' wealth of touring artists as well as quality visual and media arts exhibits. Non-for-profit organizations such as libraries, park districts, senior centers, and schools may request funding to support performances by artists who are part of the Artstour Roster. Such grants also fund workshops, classes, lectures and more. Grants are available to

support from 30 to 50 percent of the artist's or exhibit's contracted fee.

Illinois Art Treasures on Tour – Not-for-profit organizations may request funding to support performances by artists who are part of the Arts Treasures on Tour Roster. Grants support from 50 to 75 percent of the artist's or exhibitor's fee.

Short Term Artists Residency Program (S.T.A.R.) – provides funding for non-profits to work with professional artists to develop residency programs that bring arts activities into their communities. Residencies in any artistic discipline are eligible for funding. Each

residency can range from five to 30 hours. S.T.A.R. grants are available to support 50 percent of the artist's fee plus travel expenses.

Special Assistance Grant Program – Matching grants up to \$1,500 are available to non-profits for specific projects. Examples of activities which may be funded are: expenses related to a special exhibition, performance, festival or publication, registration fees and travel to attend arts-related conferences, seminars or workshops, consultant's fees for arts-related planning and project development.

The above is a sampling. For more information, contact Mark Murray, Artists and Community Services Program Representative at 312/814/8715 or E-mail him at mark@arts.state.il.us. ☼

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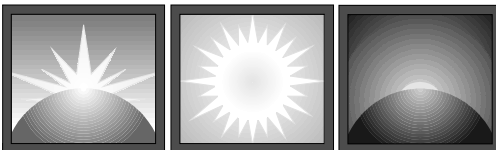
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